

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated August 7, 2007. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 3-6, 13, 31, 34, 59, 60, and 65 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 20-30, 36-45, and 49-51 were previously withdrawn. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional patent application on these withdrawn claims. Claims 1-2, 14, 20-30, 36-45, 49-51, 55-58, 64, and 66-68 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-7, 13, 31-35, 46-48, 59-63, and 65 are now pending in this Application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 46-48, and 61-63 are allowed. Further, the Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended Claims 3-6, 13, 31, 59, 60, and 65 to variously depend on allowed independent Claim 61. Applicants have rewritten Claim 34 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-2, 14, 55-58, 64, and 66-68 to expedite the issuance of Claims 3-7, 13, 31-35, 46-48, 59-63, and 65. Applicants wish to make it clear that Applicants do not agree to acquiesce in this rejection of cancelled claims and/or agree with the Examiner's view of the scope and content of the cited references.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is

invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner needs anything or if a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Applicants respectfully put the Patent Office and all others on notice that all arguments, representations, and/or amendments contained herein are only applicable to the present patent Application and should not be considered when evaluating any other patent or patent application including any patents or patent applications which claim priority to this patent Application and/or any patents or patent applications to which priority is claimed by this patent Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this Application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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